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Silver, or no Alliance.

The dispatches printed this morning concern the interpretation The Star yesterday put on the meeting of the silver republicans at Chicago. Ex-Senator Dubois frankly declares that unless silver is made the issue and Mr. Bryan the candidate, there will be no alliance next year between the silver republicans and the democrats. This stands to reason. Next year's development of the silver issue will be a question of life and death for the silver party. They had no quarrel with their party on any other issue. Nor has any issue arisen since which of itself would have caused them to sever their old allegiance. They left the republican party in the hope and for the purpose of helping to bring about the free coinage of silver. If next year's development shows that to be impossible, if the democrats, after telling them away from their old friends, tell them they will then be at liberty, and many are likely to improve it, to reconstitute their whole program for the future.

Mr. Dubois, it is true, expresses sympathy with the anti-imperialists, and draws his battle-line and begins a little flirtation with the Atkinsonites. But that promises no returns. That is too obviously a mere summer affair. A touch of frost—and somehow anti-imperialism brings a frost—will put an end to that. Mr. Atkinson says that in order to defeat imperialism he is willing to stand free silver. And Mr. Dubois says that in order to get free silver he is willing to fight imperialism. And both men are doubtless sincere. But neither can muster a corporal's guard in his section on his proposition.

The east is overwhelmingly and unalterably against free silver. All the Atkinsonites that could be packed, sardine fashion, between the earth and the moon could not bring the voters of the east to support the Chicago platform. The west, on the other hand, is overwhelmingly and unalterably in favor of expansion. Calling it imperialism deceives nobody. The markets of the orient will be particularly valuable to the west, and the people of that bustling, hustling section want them secured and safeguarded. So that Mr. Atkinson as a silver champion in the east, and Mr. Dubois as an anti-imperialist in the west, will be about as helpless as that fabled feline was in sheet without claws.

Lieut. Gilmore's Peril.

An interesting story has come from Manila concerning the experiences of Lieut. Gilmore and his men, captured several months ago by the Filipinos near Baler. It represents the American sailors as having been on the point of being executed by order of the late Gen. Luna, with Aguinaldo interposing at the last moment to save their lives. The dispatches state that the narrator of the tale bears a message written in naval cipher by Gilmore recommending him to the credence of any naval officer. The story is probably true. If so, it represents the American sailors as having been on the point of being executed by order of the late Gen. Luna, with Aguinaldo interposing at the last moment to save their lives. The dispatches state that the narrator of the tale bears a message written in naval cipher by Gilmore recommending him to the credence of any naval officer. The story is probably true. If so, it represents the American sailors as having been on the point of being executed by order of the late Gen. Luna, with Aguinaldo interposing at the last moment to save their lives. The dispatches state that the narrator of the tale bears a message written in naval cipher by Gilmore recommending him to the credence of any naval officer.

Peace in Mindanao.

The account of Commander Very's operations on the island of Mindanao, which comes from Manila today, carries on the statement which was made in behalf of the government months ago that the insurrection in the Philippines was practically confined to the island of Luzon and to the Tagal tribe. Commander Very seems to have been able, by the exercise of diplomacy and energy, to persuade the rebels to lay down their arms and disperse. There was apparently little to be done but to take the field. Their leader had come from Luzon, and had worked them up to the pitch of rebellion by the most extravagant statements. They had been repudiated by the conservative elements in the island, and represented no more than a temporary disturbance. When one of their leaders had been killed by the troops of the major of Zamboanga they readily succumbed to the representations of the American commander, and asked for reasonable conditions, which were granted them. There is every prospect now that peace will prevail in Mindanao, the largest island of the group. With Luzon pacified by the dispersal of Aguinaldo's army and Mindanao contented by the treaty of peace with the American officers, it will be seen that there is little left for the insurrection to feed upon in the future.

The Queen of England, it is said, will permit only one man to paint her portrait, and his choice of recommendation is the fact that the queen has given her consent to him. Possibly Mr. Austin and his poetry are received on a somewhat similar basis.

Joseph Chamberlain's assertion that he has been slandered by the baser sort of politicians will no doubt bring a wave of sympathy from the direction of Mr. H. P. Fugate.

Russia has not yet offered any editorial comment on the English sentiment that an understanding between Great Britain and the United States guarantees the peace of the world.

Mr. Bryan's ambition is wholly undeterred by the fact that if he were elected President of the United States he would have little or no time left for making speeches.

Aguinaldo's behavior toward Lieutenant Gilmore is calculated to commend him as a person of some prudence and foresight.

Henry C. Payne's Plan.

The announcement is made that "Henry C. Payne, Wisconsin member of the national republican committee, will present at the meeting in Washington, on December 12, a resolution recommending a change in the basis of representation in future republican national conventions."

The Star pointed out last week the advisability of the taking of some such action at this time. The national committee can but recommend to the national convention, but the next national convention will be unusually well prepared to deal with so delicate and important a question. It will probably name its ticket by acclamation, and no contests over candidacies will be conducted by the delegates in the consideration of other matters.

Mr. Payne's resolution will read as follows:

"Resolved, That the republican national committee recommend to the next national convention that a new basis of representation be established as follows: Each state to be entitled to four delegates-at-large, and one additional delegate for each 10,000 of the majority fraction thereof, cast at the last preceding presidential election for republican electors, and four delegates from each organized territory and the District of Columbia, and be it further:

"Resolved, That in allotting delegates to these states as provided, aside from delegates at large, the delegates shall be divided as near as practicable among the several congressional districts of the states; the basis shall be the same, and where it is necessary to unite one or more congressional districts for the purpose of carrying out this resolution, contiguous districts may be united."

The south principally would be affected by this change. But the southern republicans, with the exception of those in Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Kentucky

and Tennessee, have no good argument to offer in support of continuing the present arrangement. In the lower southern states there is no longer a republican party with the least hope left of local success, or of being able to contribute to national success. The great majority of the republican voters have been disfranchised, and the democrats are so safely and completely in control that they may go to the polls or stay at home in large numbers and the result is always the same. Clearly, therefore, to allow states in such a condition representation on the floor of republican national conventions on terms which in a close contest would control the proceedings, write the platforms and name the candidates, is no longer wise or just.

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Building Up Our Navy.

From the Boston Globe. However gratifying to the pride of the American public the fact of recent notable accessions to our sea power may be, one thing should be in mind. Our naval board of construction is by no means content to call a halt to the work of increasing our navy. Eighteen ships, armored cruisers of large size and modern armaments, are to be ordered by naval officials, but emphasis is laid on the fact that the navy board meet with the approval of the obvious importance of strengthening our force of armored cruisers will not only be urged by naval officials, but emphasized on the floor of Congress. Of course there will be complaint in some quarters over "the great expense" of the policy of naval increase. But that would indeed be a purblind and shortsighted policy which should seek to save a few dollars at the cost of the all-around efficiency of the American navy. If we have made some amendments for the neglect of advice given in past years by ex-Secretary Whitney and other friends of a navy worthy of the world's greatest republic, it is nevertheless obvious that there remains to be done a far more worthy of herself and bettering her rank as a world power.

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